

CHAPTER IV.

The Coward.

As she left me I again caught the ok of wonder, a resentful wonder, curiosity that was even harsh and

stern.

I seated myself opposite the woman
I had unconsciously wronged. For the
first time she looked at me, and I saw
this relief that neither pain now angulah lurked in her clear syes. There
was no outraged love nor tenderness.
Nor was there pity for herself or for
me. But even so, it seemed to me
pathetic that a woman should be so
strong.

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"I wish to hear everything. Begin, please, with your first meeting with Mr. Willoughly. Tell me all—to the last moment."

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"Did you know Mr. Willoughby in-timately? Wore you at Oxford with him? I think I do not remember his speaking of you."

She spoke slowly, with a certain aloofness. A desire to be just struggled with a manifest distilke—a dislike that was evidently not lessened because of my studied calm. Perhaps also thought a fervent expression of pentinenee more string. But instinctively? I new that an hysterical repentively? I new that an hysterical repentively? I new that an hysterical repentions.

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me. I preferred her halred to that And so I tool my story absolutely without the solution of t

aghed at them. I was presumpruousough to think that where he led I
sht follow."

The usual mistake of the tourist, I
sleves, commented Miss Brett, cold"And you berged that you might
with him on his next climb?"

"At least I was willing enough to do
when he suggested that. He was
sining to make the Striage Pass. I
sizes that the word pass' did not
und especially formidable, for he deired that guides were not at all
constant. So I agreed to make the
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a cliffs.

We were aroused the next morning fore it was light, and I was rather flowed when two guides, who were sulfung at the but for a party expected at day, shook their heads at the mather, and warned us that it woulder.

not be safe to attempt the pass alone. My companion laughed at their fears. The heavens were quite clear; the stars showed from the same and the sam

"Charles to the see of the rock, I state the seed of the rock and the seed of the seed of

stant.

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"We had made the ledge in safety, but even as we looked about us the mist enveloped us. It was impossible to see more than a few yards shead. Still we struggled on slowly and mechanically. Rocka, which in ordinary circumstances would have seemed quite eary, suddenly appailed us; for we were unable to see where to put hand or foot.

quite easy, suddenly appalled us; for we were unable to see where to put hand or foot.

"Eren to my inexperienced eyes we were in a terrible predicament. Willoughby, however, was cheerful and consident. If he had misgivings he kept them to himself. I followed him blindity.

"Suddenly to our complete dismay the descent was cut off by a precipice, the rocks on either side falling almost sheer to the giacler beneath. Further attempt was useless that night. Eren Willoughby acknowledged that. There was nothing for it but to bivouse for the night, and trust for better lack on the morrow.

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"It is impossible for me to describe for you the sufferings of that terrible night. We gathered such stones as we could find on the narrow mountain ledge, and placed them as a protection against the biling wind. We consumed the last morsel of food. We had already drunk our tea. We haddled close to each other for warmth. We always the suffering the suffe



"I Wish to Hear Everything."

over. But the descent was by far the most difficult and dangerous part of course of the most difficult and dangerous part of course of the most difficult and dangerous part of course of the most difficult and dangerous part of course of the most difficult and an anosyd Mr. Willoughly by being compelled to hair with the fact, it was frightfully exhaust the fact, it was frightfully exhaust the descent became less harardous. I believe that we should have arrived at Grimsel safely had we continued our way in a direct line thave arrived at Grimsel safely had we continued our way in a direct line thank with the care that had characterized our first movements. But my relating to each other that the care that had characterized our first movements. But my relating to each other that the care that had characterized and the care that had characterized and the care that had characterized and the state of climbing. As a rule of the care that had considered the care that had characterized the care that had considered the considered the care that had considered the consideration that the care that had considered the

led to the traged?" Helena naked in a passonies voice.

"I wish you to infer nothing."
"But you place the blame, at least tacitly, on one who is dead and cannot defend himself," she insited engrity.

"I am sorry you should think so. I am tring to give you the facts quite simply—the absolute truth."

"I do not wish to wrong you," she said in a low voice. "I wish to be just to yoo. Mr. Haddon."

"Just when I realized that we were in danger I should be more honest if I said that I cannot tell just when I began to feed afraid. We had climbed cautiously and slowly around the ledge. Mr. Willoughby was in the lead. Suddenly, as we rounded this shoulder, a fake of smow touched my cheek.

"At half past two the snow ceased at failing. The sky cleared. The stars shome out one by one in a blackened as ky. It was now, I think, for the first time I fet our utter helpieanness. The interior of the mountains, the awful loneliness, the stillness, the sense of utter isolation—all overwhelmed me, at the stillness, the stillness, the sense of the mountain and the most one helpieanness was made the more at the stillness of t

She came from a rare of soldiers. They, too, had suffered and died, and their honor had been stanless. Way should she make any allowance for my suffering and weakness? When all is said, weakness to her meant cowardica. She forgot, as the world had forgotica, that it is not so difficult to be brave when the danger is a familiar common of the second of

ier oss. She looked at me quite usmord.

The rocks," I continued, "were covmord with anow and were lee-glazed.

Willoughby was anxious now. And
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It was impossible to linger; no
case would dream of looking for us on
the side of the mountain. So that
pleastly when the sun rose higher
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possible of the pleastly warm, I stunbled paintaily and slowly after my
companion.

"For a time I followed him mechanically in porfect silence. Suddenly he
came to a pause. He told no very
quietly that we were lost,
dead to the companion of the compa

Again she shuddered, and we both tooked at the little beacon light filesering very faintly now. About us the a people laughed and talked; the orchestra was playing a Strauss wait.

To not spare me, please, "whispered Heleno." It is mountain-side in the last around the mountain-side in comparative affects of the straus wait. To retrace our steps was impossible. Just around the mountain-side in comparative affects of the straus wait. The straus was a straus wait of the straus of the straus

I hesitated,
"It is my right to know," Si
coked at me with burning eyes,
"Yes, he spoke one word—one—-"
"And that was—!"
"Coward!" I whispered.

CHAPTER V.

A Life for a Life.

A long silence fell, between us. I looked where the little beacon light had flickered feebly a few mements before. It had gone out. With an effort, I sought the face of the girl who sat opposite me.

She had judged. I knew that. She looked at me as if I were a being apart, of another world. By my own confession I had shut myself out of her world. The man who had loved her loyally had field as the strong people of her race had died. That proof fact supported her: For her I existed no longer. She gathered her skirts about her. She inclined her head slightly. She was going out of my life. She had uttered no spoken reproach. But her book, her every men who was dead.

I pushed back my chair. Thank Heaven, the ordeal was over; that was my first thought. Then I hestiated. Suddenly I longed to make this woman understand.

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was my first thought. Then I hesitated. Suddenly I longed to make this
woman understand,
When others had deaded to entherly
because I believed their censure unjust. I had grown simost indifferent
as to whether people despised me or
not. But this was the first woman te
whom I had spoken since the tragedy,
Had she loved Willoughby, it would
have been hopeleast to expect any sympathy from her. She would have felt
toward me a lifelong hatred.
But she did not love Willoughby, It
was merely a sense of duty that had
urged her to seek from me my story
toward her to seek from me my story
bereaved parents. It was to be a sort
of reparation owed to the memory of
the man who had loved her.
She had judged me without emotion, without passion. She had spokes
no words of veproach br anger. She
was leaving me in silence. But I i
knew that the silence of this woman
would haunt me as no spoken word of
bitterness ever could. It was a siless to make her understand, to expect one word of sympathy. But al
least she should speak, though it were
m anger. I leased toward her these
was a certain pride in my humility.
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Illinois State News

LAST CARD IN DOUGHERTY CASE, INDICTED ON MANY CHARGES. ecution is Unable to Inv Prominent Peorians in It.

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Peoria.—The state has played its last eard in the effort to unravel the mysterious theft of the Dougherty forged script from the school board safe on the night of January 6. Detective Sergeant Confek of Chicago and Warden Sims of Joilet peniteatizey positively connected Eddic Tate with the case and implicated Eddic Tate with the case and implicated Eddic Pate with the case and implicated Eddic Pate With the case and implicated Eddic Pate With the case and who for the control of the Prominent Peorians, former friends of Dougherty, who are supposed to have been connected with the case, and who, according to Tate, furnished the money, will not be indicted at present. As soon as the indictiments are returned against Fay and Flaherty warrants for their arrest will, be sent out and a desperate effort made to locate them and unravel the mys-larg.

SIX WOMEN UNDER ARREST.

Lynch Assumption Man.

Assumption—Six women were arrested, accused of attempting to lynch Alfred Bouland, a miner. Bouland had been charged with being a bigamist. The woman who claimed to be his first wife was arrested, charged with having led the mob. She was later released under the condition that she remain away from Assumption.

Bouland was tried recently and sequitted of the charge of bigamy. The women arrested are Mrs. Gas Dysaxt, Mrs. "Prideat Rogers, Mrs. Prideat Rogers, Mrs. Parla Ducha, Mrs. Caroline Mowing-Taul Ducha, Mrs. Caroline Mowing-Mary Budman and Mary Buboryce.

BANKERS HONOR W. C. TUBBS.

nouth Man Is Chosen President at Kewanee Meeting.

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Kewanee.—W. A. Heath, vice president of the Hilbernian Banking association of Chicago, delivered the principal address at the annual meeting of group. No. 1 of the Illinois Bankers' association here. The following officers were elected: President, W. C. Tubbs. Monmouth; secretary-treasurer, A. H. Nerris, Princeton. Executive committee.—P. Greenwald, Rock Island; Chiarles Seaton, Aledo: W. N. Calhoun, Kwanee; L. P. McMillan, L. A. Merrill, A. J. Dickinson, Morrison; O. N. Rayburn, Rosswille; H. J. McAllister, Hendermost.

Boys Poisoned at Illiopolia.

Illiopolia—Benjamin Poster's two reverse poisoned by eating the state of the st

Forbid Sale of Fireworks,
Glencoe.—Cannon crackers, squibs,
torpedoes, fireworks and explosives
will be scarce in Glencoe on the
Fourth of July H, the new firearms
ordinance which recently, has been
passed by the village boxre is put into
effect. The ordinance forbid sithe sale
of all kinds of firearms, explosives
and fireworks, and places all, liability
on persons selling them.

Voliva Makes New Move.
Chicago.—At a special meeting of
the directors of the Christian Catholic
church Wilbur Glean Voliva presented his plan for asking Judge Landis
to recognize him as their head. It is
stated that General Overseer John A.
Lewis of the anti-Volivian faction has
disposed of his present duties and put
Overseer McCullagh in charge of all
ecclesiastical matters.

Fasts Twenty Days; Isn't Hungry.

Belleville.—Dr. I. J. Eales, who began a fast of 20 days to test his theory that his health would thereby be beneatted, completed the stipulated time June 20. He decided, however, not to eat anything until his appetite demanded food, and will continue to fast until he gets bungry. The fast has reduced his weight from 190 pounds to 176%.

Hiram F. Bishop Dead.
Bloomington.—Hiram F. Bishop, a
prominent resident of this place, died
here. He had been a resident of the
city since 1872.

End of Baldwis Cass.
Bloomington.—"People vs. Thomas
Baldwin; death of defendant; cause,
stricken." Such was the terse legal
phrase in which the county of Mc-Lean dismisses from its court records
the brutal deeds of February 28 last.

Chicago Firm Will Move Plant.
Paxion.—The E. H. Stafford Manufacturing company of Chicago will remove to this city, having already shipped \$39,000 worth of machinery here from Jollet, where the factory was located.

In Serious Trouble.

Rock Island—in 34 Indictments, charging criminal libel, extortion, bribery and conspiracy, John Looney, politician, newspaper owner and lawyer, was arrested.

With Looney is indicted Charles W. Neal of Davenport, Ia, an attorney, who, it is alleged, acted as Looney's agent in making projocals to the Rock Island Brewing company, to pay \$10,000 to have the Sunday 'Illo' put on two years aso by Mayor George McCarkron, abolished. Indicted jointly with Loosey is William H. Dilworth, editor of Looney's paper, the Rock Island hews, 27 charges being made for publishing alleged libelous stories centering prominent Rock Islanders.

COWHIDES EMPLOYER OF GIRL

Alton Druggist, Prosecuted for ing Young Woman, Attacks D or Kles

ing Young Woman, Attacks/Doctor.

Alton. — Seventeen-year-old Stella McClain, who prosecuted E. A. Seck, a druggist, for embracing and kissing her, and who was told by Justice Kinder that, an ama could hardly be blamed for wanting to kiss such a pretty girl," was the central figure in an altercation outside of court.

Seck met Dr. Addison G. Porter, the girl's employer, on the kirect and cowhlided him with a blacksnake whip, ite had only atruck six blows when he lost his baiance and fell. Dr. Porter seized the whip with the ansistance of the girl and beat Seck severely,

ance of the and verely.

Both men were arrested, but were later released.

HEAD OF STATE UNDERTAKERS.



Chicago.—John K. Platner, who has been elected president of the state of Illidois Undertakers' associaties. Jan been in basiness in Chicago several possible of the state of t

Family Reunion is Unique.

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Rockford—The annual reunion of the Countryman family of northern illinois was held here, nearly 100 members being present. Among the first members of the family to come from the country of the

New Electric Lina from Chicago.
Springfield.—A company to construct
a new electric traction line from Chicago in a northern and northwesterly
direction to the Wisconsin state-tife
was incorporated under the name of
the Chicago & Wisconsin Traction
company. The incorporators are H. B.
Yaryan Lewis E. Starr, Walter P.
Wantke, Philip R. Lynch and George
W. Hiller.

Fatally Hurt by Train.
Pana.—Mrs. James Hillard of Windsor died as a result of injuries sustained by being struck by a train several weeks ago.

Injured While Jumping, Train,
Jacknowille.—Sherman Zaakery of
Fisgah, Morgan county, while attempting to board a moving train as Chapin
had, his foot to badly manded that it
was necessary to bring him to Passavant hospital, this city, where the
member was amputated.

Woman Bank Cashler Quits.
Rantoul.—Miss Winnie Miller, who has been one of the few women bank cashlers in Illinois, holding the position in the First National bank has resigned her position.